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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a 371 of PCT/GB99/00599, filed February 26, 1999, and claims priority from GB 9804293.0, filed February 27, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

(Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a Banana Streak Virus promoter sequence selected from:

- (a) the promoter sequence of a Nigerian isolate of Banana Streak Virus shown in SEQ ID NO. 2;
- (b) a promoter sequence of an isolate of Banana Streak Virus, which promoter sequence is an allelic variant of the promoter sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2; wherein said allelic variant has a sequence that is at least 75% identical to the promoter sequence of SEQ ID NO:2,